

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 115

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to the CYA Counselor Ineasie M. Baker Memorial Freeway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 63, Negrete McLeod. CYA Counselor Ineasie M. Baker Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 60 from Milliken Avenue to Euclid Avenue the CYA Counselor Ineasie M. Baker Memorial Freeway.

This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Peace officers in California's Department of the California Youth Authority (CYA) are recognized as working in an environment that is both professionally challenging and potentially dangerous, as demonstrated by tragic events; and

WHEREAS, Ineasie M. Baker was born in Keachie, Louisiana, on October 12, 1953, and at the age of 17 she moved with her family to Los Angeles and graduated from Freemont High School in 1971; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Ineasie M. Baker, graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a degree in Physical Education; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from California State University, Fullerton, Ineasie M. Baker worked as a supervisor for Laura Scudders for more than 10 years before gaining an interest in criminal justice. After successfully graduating from the academy, she became a correctional officer and was later promoted to a counselor. She was employed by the CYA for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Ineasie M. Baker was highly respected and often worked long hours to fulfill the needs of others. She was known as a "dedicated and inspirational counselor whose main concern was the wards"; and

WHEREAS, On August 9, 1996, Ineasie M. Baker was slain at the Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility, an institution for young adult criminals, where she worked; and

WHEREAS, The homicide is the first ever of a peace officer at a CYA facility; and

WHEREAS, Ineasie M. Baker made her family her most important priority, and her family was her joy, and she enjoyed shopping, playing

bingo, attending concerts, spending time with her mother, Mary Maxie, and taking trips to Las Vegas with her husband, Donald Baker; and

WHEREAS, Ineasie M. Baker is survived by her husband Donald Baker, daughter Tiffany Baker, stepdaughter Cynthia Baker, granddaughter Bria Ineasie Boone, stepgrandsons Dominic Cloy, Kelvin Owens, and Qwaylie Owens, and parents Fred D. Maxie and Mary Maxie; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to memorialize the sacrifice of CYA Counselor Ineasie M. Baker by naming State Highway Route 60 from Milliken Avenue to Euclid Avenue the CYA Counselor Ineasie M. Baker Memorial Freeway; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of Ineasie M. Baker by this resolution is an expression of the Legislature's gratitude for both her service to California and for giving the greatest measure of sacrifice, her life, while serving in her professional capacity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates State Highway Route 60 from Milliken Avenue to Euclid Avenue the CYA Counselor Ineasie M. Baker Memorial Freeway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.